

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of

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For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS AND DEFECT INSPECTION SYSTEM FOR  
PHOTOMASK

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claim 10 as follows:

10. (Amended) An image pickup apparatus as set forth in claim 6, wherein each light receiving element of said image sensors has a charge storing ability able to store a charge generated in accordance with light striking it.

Please add new claims 14-16 as follows:

-- 14. An image pickup apparatus as set forth in claim 7, wherein each light receiving element of said image sensors has a charge storing ability able to store a charge generated in accordance with light striking it. --

-- 15. An image pickup apparatus as set forth in claim 8, wherein each light receiving element of said image sensors has a charge storing ability able to store a charge generated in accordance with light striking it. --

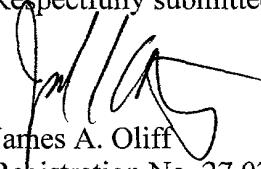
-- 16. An image pickup apparatus as set forth in claim 9, wherein each light receiving element of said image sensors has a charge storing ability able to store a charge generated in accordance with light striking it. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 10 is amended and claims 14-16 are added to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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Attachment: Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

Claims 14-16 are added.

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim:

10. (Amended) An image pickup apparatus as set forth in ~~any one of claims 6 to 9~~,  
claim 6, wherein each light receiving element of said image sensors has a charge storing  
ability able to store a charge generated in accordance with light striking it.